A prime mover that stores mechanical energy in case of an electrical failure. When an electrical failure occurs, the prime mover is activated either automatically by a computer with a battery back-up or manually. The prime mover oscillates back and forth in a pendulum type fashion which in turn drives an electrical generator in order to produce electricity. The prime mover **comprises includes** a base, elements that are rotatably mounted to the base, a pick-up balance that is rotatably mounted to the base, and a drive train that operatively connects the prime mover to the electrical generator.